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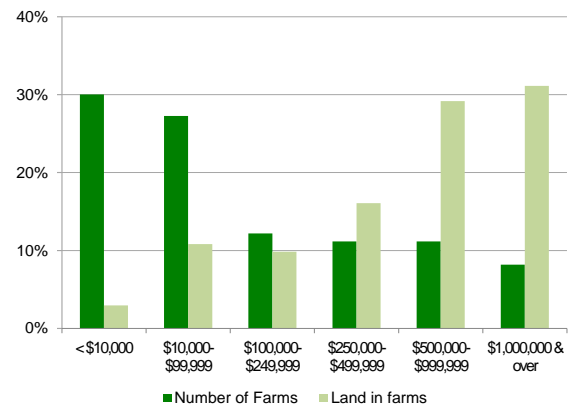
*Farms/
Land in Farms
Milk Production*

The total number of farms in Iowa in 2017 was 86,900, down 100 farms compared with a year ago, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Farms and Land in Farms 2017 Summary* report. The largest decrease in number of farms came in the \$500,000-\$999,999 range with a decrease of 300 farms from 10,000 in 2016 to 9,700 in 2017.

Total land in farms in Iowa in 2017 was 30.5 million acres, unchanged since 2014, however, total land in farms in the \$100,000-\$249,999 range rose to 3.00 million acres, while total land in farms in the \$1,000,000 and over range fell to 9.50 million acres.

The average farm size in Iowa in 2017 was 351 acres, unchanged from last year. The average farm size in the \$500,000-\$999,999 range increased 28 acres from 890 in 2016 to 918 acres in 2017.

**Farms and Land in Farms
Percent by Sales Class - Iowa: 2017**



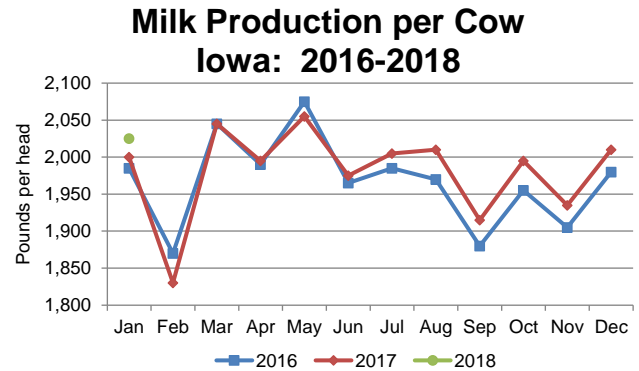
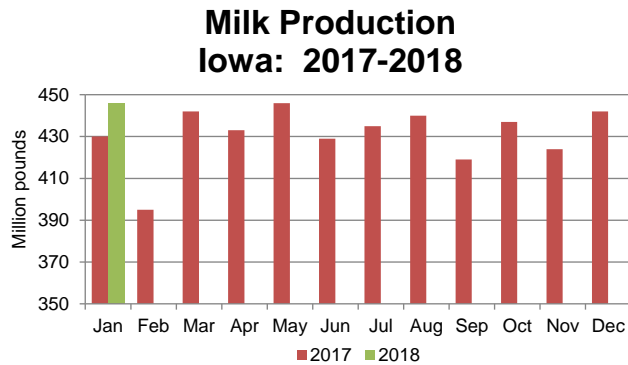
Farms and Land in Farms, by Sales Class – Iowa: 2013-2017

[Farms and ranches are classified in "sales classes" by summing sales of agricultural products and government program payments.]

	\$1,000- \$9,999	\$10,000- \$99,999	\$100,000- \$249,999	\$250,000- \$499,999	\$500,000- \$999,999 ¹	\$1,000,000 & over ¹	Total
Number of Farms							
2013	27,500	23,600	10,300	9,700	10,000	7,400	88,500
2014	27,100	23,600	10,400	9,600	10,000	7,300	88,000
2015	26,600	23,600	10,400	9,700	9,900	7,300	87,500
2016	26,000	23,800	10,300	9,700	10,000	7,200	87,000
2017	26,100	23,700	10,600	9,700	9,700	7,100	86,900
Land in Farms, 1,000 acres							
2013	1,200	3,100	3,000	5,000	8,800	9,500	30,600
2014	1,200	3,100	3,000	5,000	8,700	9,500	30,500
2015	1,100	3,100	3,000	5,100	8,700	9,500	30,500
2016	900	3,300	2,900	4,900	8,900	9,600	30,500
2017	900	3,300	3,000	4,900	8,900	9,500	30,500
Average Farm Size, acres							
2013	44	131	291	515	880	1,284	346
2014	44	131	288	521	870	1,301	347
2015	41	131	288	526	879	1,301	349
2016	35	139	282	505	890	1,333	351
2017	34	139	283	505	918	1,338	351

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Iowa during January 2018 totaled 446 million pounds, up 4 percent from the previous January according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during January, at 220,000 head, was unchanged from last month but 5,000 more than last year. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,025 pounds, up 25 pounds from last January.



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: January 2017 and 2018

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	Change from 2017
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona	198	204	2,145	2,140	425	437	2.8
California	1,755	1,739	1,945	2,005	3,413	3,487	2.2
Colorado	155	167	2,175	2,230	337	372	10.4
Florida	122	124	1,850	1,800	226	223	-1.3
Idaho	600	602	1,995	2,030	1,197	1,222	2.1
Illinois	93	93	1,765	1,800	164	167	1.8
Indiana	186	187	1,930	1,945	359	364	1.4
Iowa	215	220	2,000	2,025	430	446	3.7
Kansas	151	153	1,935	1,975	292	302	3.4
Michigan	425	428	2,190	2,200	931	942	1.2
Minnesota	460	455	1,805	1,840	830	837	0.8
New Mexico	325	334	2,090	2,135	679	713	5.0
New York	621	625	2,030	1,950	1,261	1,219	-3.3
Ohio	262	264	1,790	1,800	469	475	1.3
Oregon	124	124	1,685	1,700	209	211	1.0
Pennsylvania	525	525	1,765	1,790	927	940	1.4
South Dakota	117	119	1,880	1,885	220	224	1.8
Texas	494	515	2,015	2,045	995	1,053	5.8
Utah	92	97	1,905	1,945	175	189	8.0
Vermont	129	128	1,805	1,780	233	228	-2.1
Virginia	87	87	1,700	1,700	148	148	0.0
Washington	275	275	1,960	2,000	539	550	2.0
Wisconsin	1,280	1,275	1,980	1,995	2,534	2,544	0.4
23-State Total	8,691	8,740	1,955	1,979	16,993	17,293	1.8

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.